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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Andy Marshall (Director of Net Assessment, OSD) indicated that you might be interested in my introductory memorandum and the English language translation of an important article in the Moscow weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta* for August 22, 1990. I enclose copies of both, and since I had marked my copy of the FBIS translation, I have also enclosed a clean copy of the original translation (upper case version).

I do not yet have copies of press reports, of which I am informed, indicating another accidental dispersion of anthrax, circa September 1990, in the region of Aralsk on the Aral Sea. I do not yet know whether this recent event indicates biological weapons facility dismantling, natural outbreak of anthrax in Aralsk, or military activities at a BW facility.

If you are interested, I would be pleased to send you additional (unclassified) information on the Aralsk incident as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Bill Harris

William R. Harris

Thank you, Bill. I hope this is a prelude to an internal civilian investigation in the USSR.

Has this article appeared yet in the English language edition of L.G.?

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